

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claims 1 and 2: (canceled).

3. (currently amended): A solvent-based water- and oil-repellent composition comprising [the] a graft copolymer [of claim 1] wherein a branch polymer having a fluoroalkyl group is bonded to a trunk polymer through a linkage having a -C(=O)NH- group, and the linkage having a -C(=O)NH- group is formed by reacting an active hydrogen group of a chain transfer agent constituting the branch polymer with an isocyanate group contained in a monomer constituting the trunk polymer.

4. (currently amended): A process for preparing [the] a graft copolymer [of claim 1] wherein a branch polymer having a fluoroalkyl group is bonded to a trunk polymer through a linkage having a -C(=O)NH- group, and the linkage having a -C(=O)NH- group is formed by reacting an active hydrogen group of a chain transfer agent constituting the branch polymer with an isocyanate group contained in a monomer constituting the trunk polymer, which process comprises copolymerizing a macromonomer, which is obtained by reacting an isocyanate group-containing vinyl monomer with a branch polymer, and a copolymerizable monomer to form a trunk polymer.

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5. (currently amended): A process for preparing [the] a graft copolymer [of claim 1] wherein a branch polymer having a fluoroalkyl group is bonded to a trunk polymer through a linkage having a -C(=O)NH- group, and the linkage having a -C(=O)NH- group is formed by reacting an active hydrogen group of a chain transfer agent constituting the branch polymer with an isocyanate group contained in a monomer constituting the trunk polymer, which process comprises reacting a trunk polymer, which is obtained by copolymerizing an isocyanate group-containing vinyl monomer and a copolymerizable monomer, with a branch polymer.

6. (new): The solvent-based water- and oil-repellent composition as claimed in claim 3, wherein the trunk polymer comprises a fluorine-free hydrocarbon polymer as a main component.

7. (new): The solvent-based water- and oil-repellent composition as claimed in claim 3, wherein the trunk polymer has a repeating unit derived from an isocyanate group-containing vinyl monomer and a repeating unit derived from another copolymerizable monomer.

8. (new): The solvent-base water- and oil-repellent composition as claimed in claim 3, wherein the chain transfer agent comprises an active hydrogen group selected from the group consisting of OH, NH₂, SO₃H, NHOH, COOH and SH.